Missoula City Council Climate, Conservation and Parks Committee Minutes

June 10, 2026
1:55 PM
Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)
Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members present:	**Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill**
Members absent:	**Stacie Anderson, Sean McCoy**
Others present:	**Staff Present: Lincoln Lake, Ryan Applegate, Corena Maurer, Danielle Beaudin, Tim DeFors, Claire Trimble, Cheyenne Campbell, Anneliese Brown** **Others Present: Kevin Davis, Katie Fairbanks**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from June 3, 2026

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Davis - has a book for each member of the committee called the Gabriel Plan. The book explores the unhoused, mental illness and illegal drug use and addiction. He read comments from people who attended a presentation by the author about the book. Justin Ponton will take the names of committee members who would like a copy of the book.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board

Justin Ponton made the recommended motion.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Moved by: Justin Ponton

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Derek Kanwischer to the Parks and Recreation Board as Alternate 2 for a term beginning immediately and expiring on April 30, 2028.

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Sean McCoy

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

3.2 Missoula Parks Trip Hazard Mitigation

Lincoln Lake introduced himself and discussed what hazard mitigation entails.

Lincoln shared a list of all parks that were assessed and what hazards, if any were found, and the estimated cost for repairs.

Justin Ponton asked about parks that were not surveyed.

Lincoln stated parks that do not have concrete were not included. There were a couple that have very little concreate that the contractor will evaluate when they are on site.

Justin Ponton made the recommended motion.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Moved by: Justin Ponton

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for trip hazard mitigation with Precision Concrete Cutting in the amount of $99,849.49

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Sean McCoy

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

3.3 Currents Aquatics Center Pool Replaster Contract

Ryan Applegate presented the request.

Ryan spoke about cyclical maintenance for Currents and Splash.

Ryan discussed past repairs and upcoming projects for both facilities.

Ryan talked about an amenities study that was done at Splash.

Ryan discussed upcoming Splash activities.

Jennifer Savage can't believe it has been 20 years since Splash opened.

Mike Nugent made the recommended motion.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with 406 Gunite for an amount not to exceed $105,508 for services performed pursuant to the Scope of Work for the Currents Aquatics Center Pool Replaster project.

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Sean McCoy

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

3.4 Parks and Aquatics Security System Upgrades

Lincoln discussed the current camera system, working with the police department and the need for an upgraded security system.

The request includes installing new cameras as well as replacing old cameras.

Lincoln discussed the proposal and quote.

Betsy Craske asked if there were concerns about cameras reaching private property.

Lincoln discussed working with the legal department and blocking out areas we do not manage.

Amber Sherrill made the recommended motion.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for security system upgrades for SPLASH MT, Currents Aquatic Center, MOBASH Skatepark, and Fort Missoula Regional Park with Pine Cove Consulting in the amount of $366,391.48 pending budget amendment requested 6/10/26.

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Sean McCoy

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation